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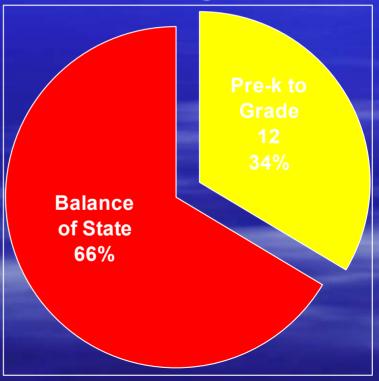
Examination of the Fiscal 2005-06

Education Budget

What is the total education spending for preschool through grade 12?

- The DOE budget for fiscal year 2005 – 2006 totaled \$9.4 billion
- This figure represented approximately onethird of the total State budget



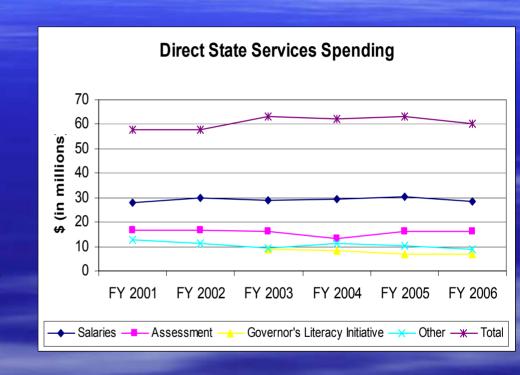


How are DOE funds used?

- Almost the entire DOE budget for FY 2006 was transferred to local school districts and other entities
 - \$9.36 billion (99.2 percent) is dispersed as
 State aid
 - \$18.1 million (0.2 percent) is provided as grants-in-aid
 - \$61.2 million (0.6 percent) supports DOE operations and capital construction

How has the direct state services budget changed in recent years?

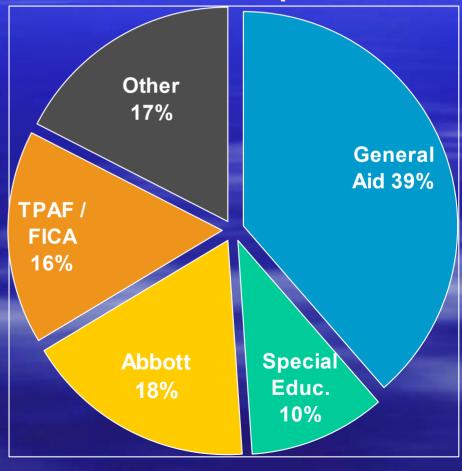
- Total salaries in FY
 2006 exceed the FY
 2001 level by 2.3
 percent
- Total direct state services expenditures exceed the FY 2001 levels by 4.2 percent



What are the components of the State aid portion of the budget?

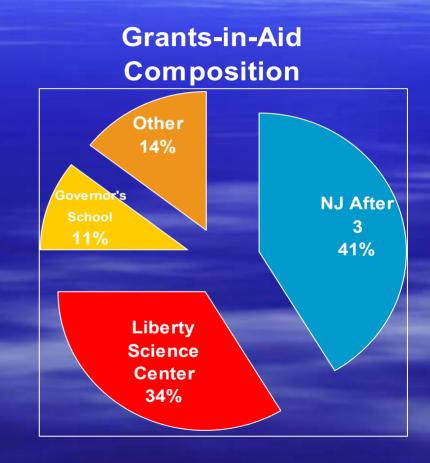
- 18 percent of State aid funds court-mandated
 Abbott remedies
- An additional 16 percent pays for Social Security payments, teachers' and pensions and retirement benefits
- 10 percent supports districts' special education expenditures





What are the components of the grants-in-aid portion of the budget?

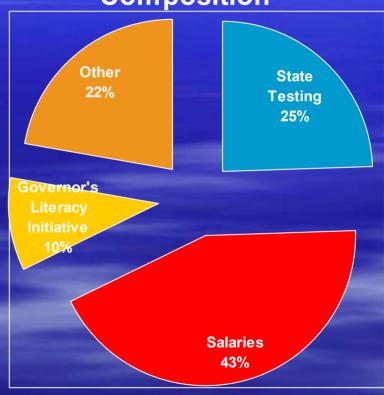
- The NJ After 3 program accounts for 41 percent (\$7.5 million) of grants-in-aid
- An additional 34 percent (\$6.1 million) supports the Liberty Science Center
- All grants-in-aid total \$18.1 million, 0.2 percent of the pre-k to 12 budget



What are the components of the direct state services budget?

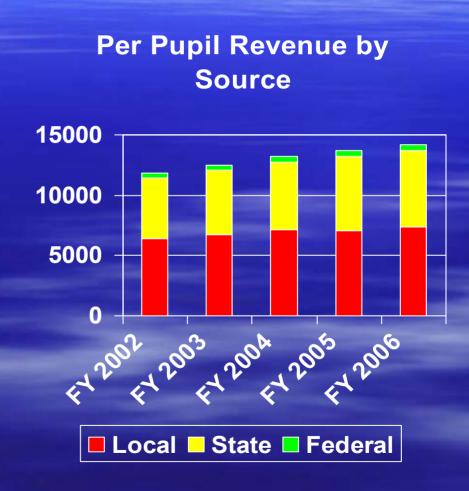
- Direct services and construction account for \$61.2 million (or 0.6 percent) of the total education budget
- Employee salaries account for less than half of all direct services expenditures
- One-quarter of the budget is dedicated to fulfilling the state and NCLB testing requirements





How much support does the State provide for education?

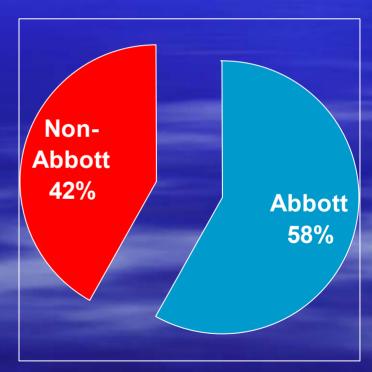
- As the total per-pupil expenditures increase,
 State aid as a percentage of total revenue has consistently remained between 42 and 44 percent
- Federal aid remains less than 4 percent statewide



What share of State aid goes to Abbott districts in FY 2006?

- The majority of State aid (almost \$4.2 billion) is devoted to funding the Abbott districts
- Approximately \$3.1 billion in aid goes to non-Abbott districts
- These figures do not include debt service aid, Social Security payments and pension contributions

Distribution of State Aid by Abbott Status



How does the growth in State aid differ between Abbott and non-Abbott districts?

- Between FY 2002 and FY 2006, aid to Abbott districts has increased nearly 30 percent
- By contrast, aid to non-Abbott districts has grown by 5 percent
- These figures do not include debt service, Social Security and pension contributions

Change in State Aid: FY 2002 to FY 2006

